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LOUISE SWEENEY. [REDACTED]

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was interviewed at the Hudson, Massachusetts Resident Agency. Also present during the interview were [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AUSA David Novak and SA [REDACTED] of the Hudson RA. The purpose of the interview was to elaborate upon information provided by LOUISE SWEENEY to the FBI on September 11, 2001, regarding her son BRIAN SWEENEY, who was a passenger on board United Airlines Flight 175. After being advised of the purpose of the interview and the identity of the interviewing agents and AUSA, LOUISE SWEENEY provided the following information:

BRIAN SWEENEY was born and raised in Spencer, Massachusetts. LOUISE described her son as a "good but not great" student. Brian had a great sense of humor. He had strong opinions which he was not afraid to express and had many, many friends from all walks of life. He was the first person from Spencer Massachusetts to receive a football scholarship to Boston University. After graduating with a degree in Communications from Boston University, BRIAN tried his hand at several jobs, but did not find anything that really satisfied or challenged him.

One afternoon, BRIAN [REDACTED] attended an air show where they witnessed a demonstration involving F-14 fighter jets. It was during this show that BRIAN told [REDACTED] "I'm going to learn how to fly one of those". Shortly thereafter BRIAN took, and passed, the entrance exam and began training to be a Naval Aviator in Pensacola, Florida.

BRIAN was very much a natural leader. He soon took control of his class at Pensacola and made sure that everyone and everything was in proper order for inspections and reviews. His fellow classmates had two "call signs" for BRIAN: "Moose", because he was big and was from New England, and "Preacher" because he was always trying to inspire others to do their best and keep everyone in line.

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BRIAN graduated first in his class from Pensacola and was actively recruited by multiple squadrons in the navy. He chose to go to San Diego where he became a navigator for the squadron "The Flying Checkmates". He served in the first Gulf War, enforcing the "No Fly Zones". He attended "Top Gun" school in Miramar, California and was asked to return as an instructor.

BRIAN sustained an injury which precluded him from flying. Rather than take a desk job, he chose to leave the Navy for other pursuits. At the time, the decision of whether or not to leave the service was a difficult one for Brian to make. LOUISE recalls that BRIAN went to his commanding officer for advice and guidance. The commanding officer told BRIAN "You have the heart of a warrior and the soul of a poet. You've proven your mettle as a warrior, now go find your spirit". LOUISE thinks this sentiment summed up her son, BRIAN, perfectly.

After Brian left the Navy he worked as a contractor for several companies. In 1999, he met [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

John last saw [REDACTED] on September 10, 2001 at Brian's house on Cape Cod. LOUISE [REDACTED] last saw Brian on September 5, 2001 when Brian came to visit [REDACTED]

On September 11, 2001, Brian was traveling alone to California on business for the Brandes Corporation. That morning, LOUISE was getting ready to leave her residence to run errands when the phone rang. She recalls looking at the clock on her stove and remembers it read 8:58 a.m. The caller was her son, Brian. LOUISE remembers that his voice was different than it normally was. Ordinarily, Brian's tone was effervescent, but that morning it was quiet and very calm. Thinking upon it further, LOUISE thinks he also sounded "pissed off". She thinks he would have been angry because he knew he was involved in a bad situation that was beyond his control and that feeling of helplessness would have made him angry.

LOUISE recalls Brian saying "Mom, its Brian, I'm on a hijacked plane and it doesn't look good. I called to say I love you and I love my family". LOUISE recalls him saying something about storming the cockpit but she can't recall for sure. LOUISE asked Brian where he was and he responded that he thought they were somewhere over Ohio. He continued by saying that "they" might come back and he might have to hang up quickly. He also said he didn't know

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who "they" were. Brian concluded the call by telling his mother to "Remember Crossing Over. Don't forget Crossing Over".

When asked to explain Crossing Over, LOUISE stated that her son Brian was a very spiritual person, who always believed that there was a life after death. He was very interested in the television show "Crossing Over with John Edwards" where the host communicates with people who have passed away. LOUISE believes Brian was trying to comfort his mother with these words, letting her know that he believed he would somehow, somewhere see her again, i.e. in the next life.

LOUISE does not recall hearing anything other than BRIAN's voice on the phone. There were no loud noises or commotion in the background. BRIAN was speaking in quiet tones as though he didn't want to be overheard.

When asked if there was anything else she wanted to say about her son, LOUISE she stated that he was a very spiritual person. He loved people and always had room in his heart for another friend. LOUISE recalled an evening after BRIAN's death on September 11, when mourners and friends gathered at the Sweeney home in Spencer. LOUISE remembers looking at the room full of people and remarking to herself what a varied, wide-ranging group of people it was. To her, this was her son. He made friends and touched people wherever he went.

LOUISE wanted to talk about BRIAN because she loved her son. But she also feels for all the other victims and their families. She loves this country and believes it has been good to her and her family and she wants to help as much as she can.

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